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SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

DOGFISH MAKING APPEARANCE EARLY OFF CAPE MAY.

Capt. John Goulart brought the sch. Laura Goulart down from Boston this morning with 40,000 pounds of haddock to be taken out at the Gloucester Cold Storage company for filleting.

Capt. Harry Clattenberg was talking recently over the telephone to his son, Capt. Ralph Clattenberg, the 24-year-old skipper of the dragger Col. Lindbergh, which is fishing out of Cape May. Capt. Ralph stated that he had just landed a fare of 185 barrels of sea bass and flukes and that he had stocked \$900, the crew sharing \$60 for three days' work.

Capt. Ralph is not going seining this year, but will wait for the swordfishing season in June.

The pesky dogfish have made their appearance off Cape May, according to report, and are on their way north to make things more unpleasant for the fishermen of the North Atlantic. Their presence has checked the activity of the netters there at Cape May.

The dogfish, in case you've never met the breed, is a queer looking fish with his mouth where his "Adam's apple" ought to be, and a crazy acting denizen of the deep, which hasn't learned yet that the twine of nets is not good eating, and that it ought to finish what it begins, and eat the whole of one fish, instead of sampling as many as it has time for. They've been the bane of the fishermen for time eternal.

Just glance over that haddock catch of Skipper Oliver Tysver in the gill netter Naomi Bruce III, yesterday—15,000 pounds. He must have struck a metropolis of the fish, according to that figure. Capt. Tysver comes from the Great Lakes region where he was also engaged in gill netting.

Capt. Joe Frontiero arrived home last night in the sch. Linta after a season of dragging south. He will fit for mackerel seining. The Linta is one of the Producers' Fish Company fleet.

Another of the Producers' fleet, the St. Peter, which has been around these shores dragging, is now getting ready for seining and Capt. Peter Favazza is looking forward to the trip south.

Capt. Ambrose Fleet left last night in the seiner Alice and Mildred to make the Cape Cod canal by daylight on his way to Cape May. His departure makes the harbor look that much more barren. In fact the waterfront soon will only have the gulls for company, and even these will desert the wharves and harbor if there's no fish to be thrown to them.

Ever see them swirl around a fisherman as the boat makes for the wharf with a fare of fish. They make a beautiful sight, these gulls swooping down to pick the fish from the water as they are cast away. And they never miss.

Capt. Col Powers broke the "ice" for the netters' mackerel arrivals when he came into Wildwood yesterday with 5000 pounds in the Annie and Mary which left here Monday, April 10.

ONE MACKEREL TRIP AT NEW YORK

Capt. Dave Keating in the seiner Mary F. Curtis, is the only one to arrive with mackerel today, according to reports.

He was at Fulton market, New York, this morning and had 35,000 pounds, for which he received \$10 a barrel. Capt. Keating left port a week ago today.

The sch. Ruth and Margaret is looking fine these days as the painters are giving her the necessary coats at the Atlantic Supply wharf. Capt. Jim Mason, her owner, was inspecting the work this morning. Capt. Herbert Nickerson will take her when she goes haddocking.

Another seiner has been added to the list from Gloucester. Capt. Tom Benham is changing over the Ruth Lucille from dory fishing to seining, and the craft is now on Parkhurst's Marine railways for a general overhauling. Capt. Benham has been dory fishing during the winter.

The dragger Paolina, Capt. Joe Frontiero, is having a new engine installed at the Rocky Neck railways. And when Squibs says Joe Frontiero is skipper, he means just that. Don't be alarmed if you've seen a skipper by that name as head of another fisherman. Some day, Squibs intends to print all the Joe Frontieros at the Port who are skippers, and their boats, so the perplexed readers may know one from t'other.

The Rose and Lucy, Capt. Philip Parisi, is on Parkhurst's railways, getting ready for mackerel seining, also.

Squibs noticed the haddock William L. Putnam was at the wharf of the Cape Ann Cold Storage this morning, getting bait and ice, which is not unusual, except that it means that the Putnam is evidently thinking of trying her luck again very soon on the banks.

The lobstermen have begun their season again, when a couple of boats belonging to Charles W. Perry, set their lobster pots yesterday. Charles Perry, Jr., and Clarence Clifford are in command of the boats. Mr. Perry says that last winter was about the roughest of any winter he has experienced for the lobster fishermen, and because of it, he is a month late in getting started. He buys from about 20 other boats, besides securing crabmeat from Ipswich, Essex, Annisquam and Salem.

"Charlie" McPhee, Walen's wharf, is another lobsterman who is mighty busy these days. He has over 200 lobster pots, and has used his spare time during the long winter months, in making these wooden traps which catch the choice marine dish. Incidentally, Charlie is a regular "Who's Who" authority of the waterfront. What he doesn't know about the doings there, just isn't happening.

SQUIBS.

DESTROYED AFTER TOWING THEBAUD

Bursting into flames off Palmer's Island as she returned from towing the Gertrude L. Thebaud out of New Bedford harbor, the new \$20,000 auxiliary sloop Southern Cross, owned by Capt. Andy Flattern, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Capt. Flattern and Benjamin Ales of New York, the only persons on board, jumped to safety on the island after Capt. Flattern had beached the flaming craft. The tug John Duff fought the fire more than an hour and succeeded in extinguishing it, but not until little more than a shell remained. Captain Flattern attributed the fire to a short circuit in the engine room.

For Herring Season.

The C. G. S. Montcalm arrived in North Sydney Tuesday from Louisburg. Several fishing boats appeared on North Sydney harbor and owners of fishing craft have been busy preparing for the herring season, to supply the Lunenburg fleet now engaged fishing with bait off the coast of Nova Scotia. Bait is reported very scarce with the exception of a supply of frozen herring at Shelburne.

Has Large Fare.

Bringing what is believed to be one of the largest catches to have been landed at Halifax, the trawler Viernoe, Capt. L. Thorlaksson, arrived from the banks Wednesday with approximately 360,000 pounds of mixed fish. Some of the cargo was carried on the trawler's deck. The craft docked at the National Fish Company's wharf to discharge.

Another arrival Wednesday with a good fare was the schooner Pasadena with 450 quintals of fish.

Nova Scotia Bait Report.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. No ice in sight.

Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Liverpool—Plenty of ice available. Bait for local use only.

Lockeport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available.

Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available. Schooner Marguerite B. Tanner sailed for the Banks.

North Sydney—No bait. Plenty ice available.

Port Hawkesbury—No bait.

Queensport—Thirty barrels fresh herring taken today. Some drift ice in Bay and coming through Strait of Canso.

Shelburne—Eighty-five thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty of ice available.

Yarmouth—Plenty of frozen bait and ice available.

Grindstone—Ice about 10 miles off Amherst Island. Pleasant Bay nearly clear. None elsewhere. No bait.

LITTLE TRAWLERS HAD GOOD FARES

**LAURA GOULART DUE FROM
HUB WITH HADDOCK TO
FILLET.**

Gloucester fish companies received 73,000 pounds of haddock, cod and cusk since yesterday from local trawlers and gill netters. Fifteen gill netters accounted for 55,000 pounds, while 13 trawlers hailed for 17,700 pounds.

From Boston, the sch. Laura Goulart was due at noon at the Gloucester Cold Storage wharf with 40,000 pounds of haddock for filleting. One seiner, the Alice and Mildred, Capt. Ambrose Fleet, left port last night for the south. Several more are getting ready and will be leaving shortly.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Three Sisters, trawling, 3000 lbs. cusk.
Cora Jane, trawling, 3000 lbs. mixed fish.
Jones Brothers, trawling, 2000 lbs. mixed fish.
Joe Mitchell, trawling, 1500 lbs. mixed fish.
Sally and Joseph, trawling, 1500 lbs. mixed fish.
Al Stanton, trawling, 500 lbs. mixed fish.
Florence and John, trawling, 1000 lbs. mixed fish.
Theresa, trawling, 500 lbs. mixed fish.
Mayo, trawling, 1000 lbs. mixed fish.
Ripple, trawling, 800 lbs. cod.
Nephthys, trawling, 1900 lbs. haddock.
Ardella, trawling, 500 lbs. haddock and cod.
C6696, trawling, 500 lbs. haddock.

Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts

Naomi Bruce III, 15,000 lbs. haddock.
Naomi Bruce II, 4500 lbs. cod.
Lucretia, 4000 lbs. cod.
Enterprise, 4000 lbs. cod.
Virginia and Joan, 3500 lbs. haddock and cod.
Edna Fae, 3000 lbs. cod.
C. A. Meister, 3000 lbs. haddock and cod.
Eliza C. Riggs, 3000 lbs. cod.
Elizabeth and James, 3000 lbs. haddock.
Phyllis A., 2500 lbs. haddock.
Nashawena, 2500 lbs. cod.
Liboria C., 2500 lbs. cod.
Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. haddock and cod.
Mary A., 1500 lbs. haddock and cod.
Alicia, 1000 lbs. cod.

Sailed

Alice and Mildred, seining.
Eastern Prince, freighting.

On the Ways.

The Rose and Lucy, and Ruth Lucille are on Parkhurst's Marine Railways for painting, in preparation for seining.

The Paolina and St. Peter are on Rocky Neck railways, the former for installation of new engine, and the latter for painting, before engaging for mackerel seining.

PRICES SLUMP AGAIN AT HUB

**SIXTEEN ARRIVALS THIS MORN-
ING WITH OVER A MILLION
POUNDS.**

Receipts at the Boston fish pier jumped beyond the million pound mark again this morning and the market which stiffened a little yesterday slid back to the low scale.

Sixteen craft brought in 785,000 pounds of groundfish and 260,000 pounds of mixed fish and 1000 pounds of halibut. Haddock dropped to \$1.50 to \$2; large cod, \$2 and markets, \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Nearly 1000 barrels of fresh mackerel arrived by rail, consigned to various dealers from the heavy receipts at Cape May, N. J.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. William J. O'Brien, 70,000 haddock, 28,000 cod, 35,000 mixed fish.
Str. Shawmut, 120,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
Str. Trimount, 75,000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 28,000 mixed fish.
Str. Illinois, 112,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 38,000 mixed fish.
Str. Ebb, 105,000 haddock, 42,000 cod, 40,000 mixed fish.
Waltham II., 17,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.
Gertrude Parker, 27,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish.
Laura Goulart, 65,000 mixed fish.
Imperator, 10,000 haddock, 55,000 cod, 1000 halibut.
Eva II., 2000 mixed fish.
St. Peter, 1400 mixed fish.
Maria Concetta, 1700 mixed fish.
Mariana, 1500 mixed fish.
Maria Guiseppi, 600 mixed fish.
Isabella, 1800 mixed fish.
Kid Roberts, 1000 mixed fish.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.25 to \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$2; pollock, 50 cents; cusk, \$1; gray sole, 6 cents to 10 cents per lb.; black backs, 5 cents; dabs, 2 1-2 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

N. S. Dried Fish.

Local export trade to Porto Rico, Cuba, Santa Domingo and Surinam, in stock, and a large quantity of stock fish, which are hard dried without being split.—Maritime Merchant.

Will Join Party

Arthur A. Black, treasurer of the Portland Fish Company, chosen to represent Portland in the delegation of New England fishermen sailing to Washington aboard the schooner Gertrude L. Thebaud, was unable to join the ship at New Bedford Thursday, but said he will start early this morning and drive to Cape May, N. J., to board her when she arrives there tonight or Saturday morning.

Portland News

Small fares were in order for Portland's fishing fleet Thursday, the Po-fisco landing 4000 pounds, the Onward 3500 pounds and the Elizabeth B. 3000 pounds. Several small boats were reported, while the Benjamin Thompson and the Alice M. Doughty II were still on the grounds at dark. The Alice M. Doughty and the Fannie Belle were preparing to go outside for a set before this morning.

Lobster Cargo.

On her first visit to Boston this season the Canadian motor smack Nova IV., one of the fleet operated with government backing, arrived at Pier 4, South Boston, yesterday from Isaacs Harbor, N. S., with 158 crates of live lobsters. In the afternoon she left for Canso for another big shipment for this market.

SQUIBS FROM THE WATERFRONT

**BUSY SCENES OF ACTIVITY AT
ROCKY NECK THESE
DAYS.**

Dropped in on "Sherm" Tarr at Rocky Neck marine railways yesterday afternoon to see what was what, and saw plenty. This section of the waterfront is mighty original and most democratic, for here's the one place in the world where the fine arts hobnob with the fisheries—and get along first rate. Within breathing distance of the ways where fishing boats are dressed-up and overhauled is a quaint theatre and art school where the summer colony enjoys its Friday and Saturday nights. And right beside a Rip fisherman lies a long and rakish affair which they tell me is a school for some sort of art in the summer. Yea, verily, 'tis a strange combination.

There's a corking good yarn could be written about this parcel of land which juts out into the inner harbor, taking those years far in the background of Gloucester when the Wonsons were most active in the fisheries, and the very romance of those years seems to lend an appeal to the place even today.

A very important part of old Gloucester was the quaint ferry boat called the "Little Giant" which used the Rocky Neck pier as one of its points of landing and taking passengers. This puffing steamer went from a pier next to where the Booth Fisheries is today, across the harbor to Rocky Neck, thence to the old Ferry wharf which was where the Frank E. Davis Fish Company pier is now located, so they tell Squibs. The fare for this delightful voyage was four cents one way, and you could travel in the spacious salon, or on the top deck where settees took the place of deck chairs.

That old pier to the west of Booth's is certainly a thing of the past for all that is left are the tottering spiles that resemble crooked and gnarled teeth of the deep. But the Little Giant has also gone to her reward. The pleasure she gave to thousands who were content with their lot, however, will never be forgotten. Autos have nothing on that craft for a jolly ride into town.

They tell me that Capt. "Cliff" Goodwin is going to take the schooner Elizabeth A., rip fishing soon. The boat is tied up at the Rocky Neck pier.

Two juggernauts of the deep that have felt the ravages of time, are the Albert Baldwin and the tugboat Charlie. Both craft lay on the sands of this cove, on their sides, showing rotted hulks, storm-swept and beaten. That same tug was a very familiar sight along the shallow inland waters of this state and New Hampshire, so Squibs is told, its business being to sell water.

Sch. Portugal arrived yesterday from Georges bank. Her American flag was flying at half-mast, because the mother of the skipper, Capt. Albino Pereira, has passed away, according to word he received from Portugal. Capt. Pereira has been dragging out of Norfolk all winter, and only recently came to New London, and then brought his fare of 10,000 pounds of haddock into this port to sell. The Portugal was formerly the schooner Cathleen.